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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, VS, PL

SUBJECT: ICCS: POLDEL IRE

REF: WARSAW 1815

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF MAY 8, POLDEL DEPUTY PRZYGODSKI SAID HIS DELEGATION WAS CONCERNED ABOUT FURTHER GVN ATTACKS ON POLISH DELEGATION, CITING STATEMENT ISSUED MAY 7 BY GVN PRESS SPOKESMAN. PRZYGODSKI SAID HE HAS ASKED WARSAW FOR INSTRUCTIONS.

2. PRZYGODSKI INQUIRED WHETHER USG WOULD BE DISCUSSING THIS MATTER WITH GVN, HINTING THAT US SHOULD TELL GVN TO CEASE AND DESIST. EMBOFF RESPONDED THAT GVN WAS A SOVEREIGN GOVERNMENT, THOUGH PERHAPS THIS WAS NOT THE VIEW FROM EASTERN EUROPE; EMBOFF SAID THAT EVEN IF USG AND GVN SHOULD SIT DOWN AND DISCUSS EVIDENT GVN DISPLEASURE AT FAILURE OF ICCS, ATTRIBUTED TO CERTAIN DELEGATIONS, TO RESPOND PROMPTLY IN CAI LAY INCIDENT, CONFIDENTIAL

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AS WELL AS CURRENT SONG PHU INCIDENT, GVN WOULD HAVE ITS OWN VIEWS

AND WOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE SWAYED BY US OR OTHER VIEWS.

3. WITH REFERENCE TO STATEMENT MADE BY GVN SPOKESMAN, PRZYGODSKI SAID IT WAS ENTIRELY UNCALLED FOR SINCE ICCS HEAD-QUARTERS HAD NOT RECEIVED OFFICIAL GVN REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION OF INCIDENT; IT WAS THEREFORE INAPPROPRIATE FOR GVN TO CASTIGATE POLISH DELEGATION FOR INACTIVITY. AFTER ALL, PRZYGODSKI SAID, ICCS HAD ESTABLISHED RULES OF PROCEDURES IN DEALING WITH REQUESTS FOR INVESTIGATION. EMBOFF SAID THAT INABILITY OF ICCS TO DEAL PROMPTLY WITH CAI LAY INVESTIGATION AND SUBSEQUENTLY TO COMPLETE INVESTIGATION HAD PROBABLY PRODUCED GVN REACTION TO SONG PHU INCIDENT AND LACK OF FULL, FOUR-DELEGATION ICCS INVESTIGATION, WHICH HAD BEEN REQUESTED IN REGION.

4. PRZYGODSKI EXPRESSED REGRET THAT CAI LAY INVESTIGATION HAD NOT BEEN COMPLETED BECAUSE GVN HAD LIFTED PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES FROM PRG DELEGATION. HE ASKED WHETHER GVN WOULD RESTORE THESE AND EMBOFF RESPONDED HE DID NOT KNOW. PRZYGODSKI CONCLUDED BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH EXPRESSION OF REGRET THAT ICCS WAS UNABLE TO ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING IN PRESENT SITUATION BECAUSE OF THE STALEMATE IN TPJMC.

5. BEGIN TEXT OF EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF GVN SPOKESMAN'S MAY 7 COMMENTS: QTE WE HAVE RECEIVED TWO QUESTIONS THIS MORNING ASKING OUR OPINIONS ABOUT THE POLES AND HUNGARIANS' REFUSAL TO MAKE AN OBSERVATION TOUR AT A SCHOOL SHELLED BY THE COMMUNISTS.

IN FACT THAT THE POLISH AND HUNGARIAN DELEGATIONS HAVE REFUSED TO MAKE AN OBSERVATION TOUR, THOUGH ONLY AT THE SCENE OF THE SHELLING, AS REQUESTED BY THE GVN IS AN IRRESPONSIBLE ACT, A WILFUL ACT TO UNDERMINE THE WORKS OF THE ICCS BLOCKING EVERY EFFORT OF THE CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF THE CEASE FIRE, IF ONE DOES NOT WANT TO SAY THAT SUCH ACT IS AN ENCOURAGEMENT TO AND A COMPLICITY IN CRIME. BOTH THE POLES AND THE HUNGARIANS ALSO DID NOT GIVE ANY REASON EXPLAINING THEIR IDLE MANNER.

THE ONE THING CLEARLY UNDERSTANDABLE IS THAT THEY CANNOT REASON THAT ALL THEIR MEMBERS ARE CONTRACTING MENTAL DISEASE AND NEED MEDICAL CARE, AND BECAUSE THEY CANNOT SAY ALSO THEY ARE AFRAID THAT THEIR MEMBERS WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OCCASION TO DISAPPEAR INTO THE EMBASSIES OF THE FREE WORLD NATIONS, WE  
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QUARANTEE TO THE POLISH AND HUNGARIAN DELEGATIONS THAT THERE IS NOT A SINGLE DIPLOMATIC MISSION AT VINH LONG.

WE ALSO FEEL THAT NOW IS THE TIME FOR THE POLISH AND HUNGARIAN DELEGATIONS TO MAKE A CLEAR-CUT CHOICE ONE OF THE TWO THINGS: BY EITHER ACTING SERIOUSLY TO ASSURE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT OR GETTING READY TO LEAVE FOR BUDAPEST AND WARSAW ON THE NEXT FLIGHT. UNQTE END TEXT

6. COMMENT: POLDEL IS OBVIOUSLY SENSITIVE TO CRITICISM IN ITS ICCS POLICIES AND NON-ACTIVITIES, PARTICULARLY WHEN MADE IN SAIGON'S ONLY ENGLISH-LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER, SAIGON POST, WHICH POLDEL CONSIDERS A QTE GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER UNQTE. POST HAS RECENTLY CARRIED TWO EDITORIALS CRITICAL OF PERFORMANCE OF HUNGDEL AND POLDEL.

7. IN VIEW SPASOWSKI'S EARLIER COMMENTS ON GVN QTE CAMPAIGN UNQTE (REFTEL), EMBASSY WILL APPRECIATE ANY INDICATION OF POSSIBLE POLDEL MOVES IN ICCS OR TOWARD GVN, INCLUDING OFFICIAL AND PRESS COMMENT.  
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